

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to OPPOSE the development proposal from former Dodgers owner, Frank McCourt who wants to build an aerial gondola between Union Station and Dodger Stadium. I understand that it could cost at least \$500 million. The developers have failed to provide important information about this vanity project's safety, long-term operation costs, and who pays for it if it runs over budget. There is no guarantee taxpayers won't be left holding the bag on expensive construction change orders, other cost overruns, and ongoing maintenance and operations. A better, easier and more viable solution is to enhance the existing and popular Dodgers Express with a more robust zero-emission shuttle bus system. A study by the UCLA Mobility Lab shows that the Gondola will only reduce traffic by <1%, and that the gondola by design diverts traffic from the stadium area to the Chinatown area. Gondolas are designed for moving a large amount of people over a long amount of time, not for a large amount of people in a 2 hour crunch before a major event LA Metro has given McCourt and LA ART the green light without meaningful community input or oversight. At every turn, LA ART has failed to provide a forum for honest dialogue or answered communities' concerns about their privacy, safety, or costs associated with this project. Chinatown is a majority renter, majority Asian and Latino neighborhood that is rapidly gentrifying with a multitude of market-rate and luxury developments coming down the pipeline, the gondola being a major one of them. The residents should be able to determine how public space is used. Moreover, the Gondola project ruins LA State Historical Park. This project wants to put a boarding station in the State Park and remove 81 trees, including mature trees whose ecological value cannot be replicated by simply planting new ones. The cabins would fly just 26 ft over peoples' heads, cutting through airspace over the entire park. Thank you for your time and consideration, Eve Luckring
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